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Nets are conducted weekly as listed below. All amateurs are invited to check-in, members or non-members alike, with or without traffic. The nets are informal with net control stations serving on a rotating basis.

All Nets Sunday 10 meters (29.493 MHz) 1000 hrs; 75 meters (3993 kHz) SSB 1020 hrs;
80 meters CW (3610 kHz) 1030 hrs;
2 meters FM (147.63/03 via W3QV/R) 0930 hrs.

IT SEEMS TO ME

As our Intrepid Artist has so clearly depicted in his cover for this month, you, dear readers, are about to be subjected to the 100th "It Seems To Me" over the signature "de K3KUD".

The Philmont Mobile Radio Club is a name, but even more it is a statement. Let's take the word "club" out and leave Philmont Mobile Radio. That is what we are, that is what we do, and that is why we exist.

Now, let's consider the word "Club". Taking the first and last letters, we have what we are not, and don't want to be -- CB. CB'ers, in general, care not all for anyone else on frequency, but rather, feel that the world awaits their utterance. We see more and more of that on 63/03 lately! Few of us are interested in how much you can drink, what shampoo you use, whether you are trying to beat the telephone company, what your wife needs at the store, or anything else of a like nature. We are interested in a repeater available for mobile traffic; establishing contact prior to moving off to a simplex frequency; and why the tenets of Philmont operation are not respected.

The "U" in "Club" is self-explanatory. Let's not knock the "L" out of our repeater!

de K3KUD

SAMSCORNER

*Congratulations ON THE 100th BLURB
BY BOB... K3KUD. I'M HAPPY TO HAVE
DONE ALL OF HIS COVER PAGES!*

.... AND A FEW OTHERS

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PREZ SEZ

On Sunday, February 3, 1980, the Olympic Flame will pass thru our area on its way to Lake Placid, New York for the opening of the 1980 games. Amateur Radio will play a key role in the "run" from Yorktown, Va. to Lake Placid, nicknamed "Operation Hot Foot."

Philmont has been asked to participate and it is important that we be "involved". This historic event is only one of many in which Philmont will be involved this year and volunteers will be needed for all of them, whether it be operating or social activities.

Philmont has grown numerically over the last few years but the number of actively involved members has not. Take a look at the January issue of the "Blurb", on page 2 is a list of the standing committees. Why not contact one of the chairmen and ask if you could help? Believe it or not, in many cases an extra hand for a social activity or one of the operating committees can be a tremendous lift to someone who has been doing the job without help for several years.

Philmont is more than a repeater organization, it is a mobile radio club that once was the heartbeat of amateur mobile radio in the Delaware Valley. The life blood of that heartbeat is the members, many of whom are still serving year after year in spite of the personal sacrifices involved. Give'em a break. If you feel you can help somewhere and aren't sure where, call me and let's talk it over off the air.

It is my sincere hope for 1980 that we get out of the "state of the art" (support the repeater because I use it) syndrome, and get "involved" with what I consider some of the finest people you will meet anywhere, Philmonters!

de WB3CMM

Dues for 1980 are now due and payable. Send your payment to Jake, AK2I. Members whose dues are not paid in full by February 29 will be dropped from the rolls.

Don't forget the Code Practice Net each Tuesday at 8:00 P.M. on 147.63/03. Jake, AK2I, will provide text or groups at any speed requested. This is an excellent way to brush-up on your CW.

PHILMONT CALENDAR FOR FEBRUARY

February 4 General Meeting, Franklin Institute, 8:00 P.M.
February 12 Lincoln's Birthday
February 13 Director's Meeting, W3IRS, 8:00 P.M.
February 14 Valentine's Day
February 18 Washington's Birthday
February 20 Ash Wednesday
February 25 BLURB Folding, W3BBB, 7:15 P.M.

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MEETING REPORTS

December Director's Meeting: This meeting was cancelled due to the very poor weather conditions. All business will be covered in the January Director's Meeting report.

January General Meeting: Jim Rodgers, W3AWG, our outgoing President opened the meeting and introduced the new officers for 1980. Jim then presented the gavel to Bill Mescanti, WB3CMM, our new President.

Reading of the Minutes and a final Treasurer's Report preceded several committee reports and remarks by WB3CMM. John Tinaglia, W3AWH, presented Certificates of Service to the outgoing officers and included one to Frenchy, W3IRS, for service as Vice-President in 1954! 46 members and 15 visitors were present at the meeting.

The Chairman of the Pennsylvania Committee For the Relay of The Olympic Torch invited Philmont to participate in the event by providing communication along the Philadelphia portion of the route. All communication along the route from Yorktown, Va. to Lake Placid, N.Y. will be by amateur radio. Larry, W3UY, will coordinate the event for the club.

The program for the evening was a display and discussion of equipment for 2-meters, primarily hand-held, but including an ICOM 255A. Units shown were scanner, program-able types by various manufacturers, currently in use by club members.

The refreshments lacked the fine touch of W3PWG, who was under the weather, but ably prepared by Sam, K3RTR.

FROM THE PHILADELPHIA INQUIRER:

Meditation: Even radios need moments of silence

Lightning damaged a transmitter in Rome, knocking out Vatican Radio's medium-wave broadcasts for Western and Eastern European countries for about 18 hours.

And to think those silly insurance companies always refer to such damages as acts of God.

TELL IT LIKE IT IS DEPARTMENT

The following analysis of a whole bunch of software stuff was prepared by our resident statistician and new callbook owner, W3RM:

Classes of license by number and percentage - (Source: 1980 Callbook)

	<u>Philmont</u>		<u>Pennsylvania</u>		<u>U.S.</u>	
Extra	22	15%	1243	7%	25,506	6%
Advanced	59	39%	3763	22%	87,127	23%
General	45	30%	5577	32%	125,559	33%
Technician	25	16%	3405	20%	71,833	19%
Novice	0	0	3400	19%	75,036	19%
	<u>151 members</u>		<u>17,388</u>		<u>385,061</u>	

All of the above proves 3 things: (1) Philmont is ahead of the national percentage; (2) Philmont is ahead of the state average; (3) The licensing structure is weird!.

WHY EDITORS GO MAD

A bright young student from a boys' school in Kenya (Africa) expressed in verse his frustration over the strange inconsistencies of the English language:

We'll start with a box -- the plural is boxes,
But the plural of ox should never be oxes,
One fowl is a goose and the plural is geese,
But the plural for moose should never be meese,
The plural of mouse is correctly mice,
But the plural of house cannot be hice,
As the plural for man is always men,
Why shouldn't the plural of pan be pen?
The plural, of course, for button is buttons,
Then shouldn't the plural of mutton be muttons?
The masculine pronouns are he, his, and him,
But imagine the feminine -- she, shis, and shim!
So English, I fancy, you all will agree,
Is the strangest language you ever did see.

--From Tempo '78, Buntin Reid Paper Co.

Tnx to W3GIF

WARC 79 (From HR Reports)

ALL PRESENT HF BANDS, THREE NEW HF BANDS, and a new UHF band were allocated to the Amateur Service as WARC 79 finished its work. Despite some gloomy predictions of a major frequency loss by the Amateur Service, it's now been confirmed that Amateurs -- at least in the U.S. -- did not lose one kHz in the HF spectrum but instead picked up all three of the desired new bands! In the VHF spectrum preliminary press time reports, believed complete and accurate, show equally good news for higher frequency enthusiasts. Band by band, here's the rundown from WARC 79 on the new Amateur spectrum through 1000 MHz.

160 Meters: In Region 1, 1800-1850 shared with Loran until Loran shuts down at the end of 1982, 1850-2000 shared with Fixed, Mobile, Radio Location and Radio Navigation (1850-2000 not available for Amateurs in Mexico and much of South America). 1800-1850 will be available to Amateurs in Region 1 for the first time, on a shared basis with Loran until its shutdown.

80/75 Meters: In Region 2, 3500-3750 Amateur Exclusive with the exception of Mexican and some South American Fixed and Mobile users, 3750-4000 shared with Fixed and Mobile -- except for much of Southern South America, which excludes Amateurs 3750-4000, and Canada and Greenland, which reserve 3950-4000 for a future Arctic region broadcast service on a non-interference basis.

40 Meters: 7000-7100 Amateur Exclusive worldwide, 7100-7300 Amateur in Region 2 only with the stipulation that Region 2 Amateur operation must not interfere with broadcast in Region 1 or 3.

"30 Meters": 10.10-10.15 MHz with Fixed Service Primary and Amateur Service Secondary, worldwide.

20 Meters: 14.00-14.35 unchanged, with several others joining Russia in footnotes reserving 14.25-14.35 for Fixed Services.

"17 Meters": 18.068-18.168 Amateur and Amateur Satellite are Exclusive (with a Russian reservation for internal Fixed Service use), but with the stipulation that Amateurs won't be permitted to move in until after all present users have moved!

15 Meters: No change, worldwide.

"12 Meters": 24.890-24.990 Amateur and Amateur Satellite are Exclusive, with the same restriction as 17 Meters.

10 Meters: Unchanged, worldwide.

6 Meters: Unchanged, after earlier hope of some limited band being made available in Region 1 didn't materialize.

2 Meters: Unchanged (144-148 in Region 2, 144-146 elsewhere).

1 1/4 Meters: Amateur in Region 2 only, co-shared with Mobile and Fixed on an equal basis.

MORE FROM HR REPORTS

CANADIAN AMATEURS WILL BE ABLE to operate in the U.S. without prior authorization or special permits, FCC's Commissioners agreed on Tuesday. Implementation of the Rules relaxation will probably take place when Canada's Department of Communications adopts a reciprocal rules change to permit U.S. Amateurs to operate in Canada on only their U.S. licenses, a move that is expected soon.

LOG KEEPING MAY BE ELIMINATED entirely as a result of yesterday's FCC discussion on logging third party traffic (HRR 279). After questioning the need for any Amateur log keeping, the Commissioners directed the staff to prepare a Notice of Proposed Rule Making removing all log keeping requirements!

Sam, K3RTR, "The Voice (Verse?) of Philmont" has offered the services of W3TKQ, club station at the Franklin Institute as a message center. If you wish to contact someone who is not on frequency, call W3TKQ which is manned every day during working hours. They will note the information for relay if and when the called station is heard on 63/03 during the day.

PHILOSOPHY

NOTHING is opened more often by mistake than the mouth.

Speechless: a condition seldom encountered at banquet and political rallies.

Tnx to WB3ALG

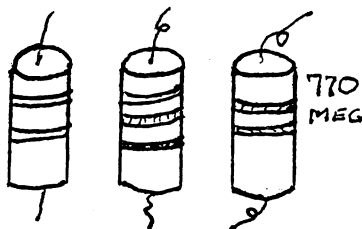
LATE NET NEWS

Starting Feb. 3rd the 10 METER NET will start at 1000 hours using AM to be immediately followed by the SSB section.

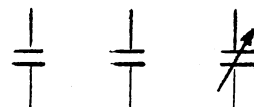
COMPONENT CAPERS



It's the only way
to control him!



Don't say that about
Violet.



The Indians got
him!

Tnx to K3HBB

TO ALL PHIL-MONT MOBILE RADIO CLUB MEMBERS

It will be a pleasure to have you participate as a net control station in one or more of Phil-mont's nets.

Here is your opportunity to become more involved with your Club's activities.

Please check your choice and return this form to Howard Trout W3IGW.

2 - meters	----	147.63/03 MHZ	----	9:30AM to 10:15AM	_____
10 - meters	----	29.493 MHZ	----	10:00AM to 10:15AM - SSB	_____
10 - meters	----	29.493 MHZ	----	10:15AM to 10:30AM - AM	_____
80 - meters	----	3.993 MHZ	----	10:20AM to 10:35AM	_____
80 - meters	----	3.610 MHZ	----	10:30AM to 11:00AM	_____

Call _____ Name _____ Phone _____

Thank you for your interest --

73's W3IGW

INSERT 2/80

NET CONTROL SCHEDULE (W3IGW)

	(W3AWH) <u>80-meters</u>	(W3GIF) <u>10-meters*</u>	(W3SRU) <u>2-meters</u>
<u>February</u>			
3	W3PWG	KB3CT	W3IGW
10	W3AOA	W3GIF	WB3CMM
17	W3SGR	WB3KUR	W3SRU
24	AK2I	W3KDO	K3PHC
<u>March</u>			
2	W3PWG	KB3CT	W3WXC
9	W3AOA	W3GIF	W3AWG
16	W3SGR	WB3KUR	W3PST
23	AK2I	W3KDO	W3ZPP
30	W3AWH	WB3CMM	W3BBB

75-meter Net: 3.993 MHz; 10:20-10:35 A.M.

*10-meter Net: 29.493 MHz; 10:00-10:15 A.M. (SSB) 10:15-10:30 A.M. (AM)
Net Control for AM K3GBA; Alternate K3HIE

2-meter Net: 147.63/03 via W3QV/R; 9:30-10:15 A.M.

Note: 80-meter CW Net; 3610 KHz; 10:30 AM. Net Control N3WW; Alternate: W3RM; AK2I

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